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HIROYUKI EBINUMA, ET AL. : ATTN: BOX SEQUENCE  
SERIAL NO: 10/531,305 :  
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FOR: NOVEL FRUCTOSYL PEPTIDE :  
OXIDASE AND UTILIZATION THEREOF :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Communication dated February 23, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.